



H.R. 3564 - Regulatory Improvement Act of 2007

FLOOR SITUATION

H.R. 3564 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Chris Cannon (R-UT) on September 18, 2007. The bill was ordered to be reported, by voice vote, by the Committee on the Judiciary on October 18, 2007.

H.R. 3564 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House of Representatives on October 22, 2007.

SUMMARY

H.R. 3564 authorizes \$11 million over fiscal years 2008 – 2011 to fund the Administrative Conference of the United States.

BACKGROUND

The Administrative Conference of the United States (ACUS) was established in 1964 as an independent agency charged with studying administrative agencies and making recommendations to the President, Congress, and the administrative agencies on ways to improve the efficiency of administrative procedures. ([5 U.S.C. 594](#)) The ACUS was comprised of between 75 – 101 members, consisting of a Chairman who was appointed by the President, up to 40 members appointed by the Chairman from both the public and private sectors, and every head of an executive department, agency, independent regulatory board or commission, or their designee(s). ([5 U.S.C. 593](#))

The ACUS was comprised of members such as Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia who served as Chairman of the Conference from 1972 to 1974, and Justice Stephen Breyer, who served as a member of the Conference from 1981 – 1994. The funding for the ACUS was terminated in 1995, effectively eliminating the program.

COST

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that assuming the appropriation of the authorized amounts, implementing H.R. 3564 would cost \$11 million over the 2008-2012 period.

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